

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to clarify the claim for priority, and the claims have been amended as to matters of form. No new matter has been added by the foregoing amendments.

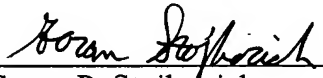
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, each of the claims remaining in the application is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to allow the claims in their present form.

The Examiner is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigned to discuss any matter relating to the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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